

(c) if so, whether the Government intend to take effective steps in this behalf ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (chief Minister)

(a) the Government has sanctioned the amount for the repairs of the Left Bank Canal i.e. to strengthen and to raise both wings of the canal. The details of expenditure incurred so far are as follows:—

	Sanctioned	Total
	Amount lakhs	Expenditure lakhs.
(1) To strengthen the left bank canal of Thungsbhadra project from 19th to 69th to mile as per Government Order dated 10th May 1968.	43.21	47.90
(2) To raise both side wings of the left bank canal of Thungabadra project from 15th to 60th mile, as per Government Order dated 22nd March 1972	166.33	169.68
(3) To strengthen the outer space inner space, lower space and to raise the wings from 19th to 119th mile as per Government order dated 19th July 1975	808	543.95
Total ...	1017.54	761.53

Rs. 761.53 lakhs has been spent for strengthening the outer space of the canal as mentioned above. In addition to this about Rs. 53.48 lakhs has been spent for repairs of inner space i.e. repairs to slips

(b) the canal has not breached at the same place two to three times in the current year.

(c) this question does not arise in view of the replies to clause (b)

Sales Tax on Agricultural Commodities

111. SRI BHIMANNA KHANDRE (Bhalki).—Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :—

(a) the date from which the sales tax at 4% is being levied on Agricultural Commodities in the State ;

(b) whether there was any sales tax on Agricultural Commodities prior to it. if so, details of the same ;

(c) whether Government has collected details of rates of sales tax that is being levied on Agril. Commodities in the neighbouring States, if so, the particulars of the same statewise ;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that due to heavy taxes on Agril. Commodities, the growers are preferring to take their produce in the markets of neighbouring states of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh ;

(e) whether Government intends to reconsider and reduce the taxes in market fee and sales tax on agricultural commodities ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for Finance).—

(a) (i) With effect from 8th September 1976 cereals namely Rice, Wheat, Jower, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Kodon, Kutki and Barley and pulses (whether whole or separate and whether with or without husk) namely Gulabgram, Tur, Green gram, Masur Blackgram, moth and Khesari are taxed as declared goods at 4% single point.

(ii) With effect from 6th December 1976 cereals and pulses other than those mentioned above are also being taxed at 4% single point.

(iii) With effect from 1st September 1978 paddy is subjected to a tax at 4% single point as a declared goods. But provision is made that where paddy has suffered tax under the K.S.T. Act, the tax payable on rice procured out of such paddy shall be reduced to the extent of the tax paid on such paddy.

(iv) Certain Agricultural Commodities such as corriander, chillies are being taxed at 4% multipoint with effect from 1st April 1975.

(b) Yes.

Even prior to 1st April 1975 agricultural commodities were being subjected to sales tax. The details are as under :—

Pulses including their dhalls, wheat, rice, ragi, jowar, maize, bajra, navane, samey are taxed at 1½% multipoint from 1st April 1966 to 7th September 1976.

Groundnut, Coconut, Copra, till, Kusum, Safflower and Nigam 3% single point with effect from 1st April 1974.

Castor, Karanja, Pongam, honge and neem seeds soyabean, rape seed, mustard, rai, linseed, sunflower mahua, ippe, kokum, cotton 3% single point with effect from 1st April 1973.

Certain other agricultural commodities such as corriander, chillies at 3½% multipoint upto 1st April 1975.

(c) Details of rates of sales tax in the neighbouring States on agricultural commodities are as under :

Kerala :

Pulses, that is to say, gram or gulab gram, tur or arhar moong or green gram, masur or lentil, urad or black gram, moth, lakh or Khesari.	...	4% single point
Cereals, that is to say, paddy rice, wheat, jowar or milo, bajra, maize, ragi, kodon, kutki and barley,	...	4% single point

Tamilnadu :

Cereals, that is to say, paddy, rice, wheat, jowar or milo, bajra, maize, ragi, kodon, kutki, barley.	...	1% single point
Pulses, that is to say, gram or gulab gram, tur or arhar, moong or green gram masur or lentil urad or black gram, moth lakh or khesari.	...	4% single point

Andhra pradesh :

Pulses, that is to say-moong or green gram, urad or black gram, or gulab gram, tur or arhar, masur or lentil, moth, lakh or khesari.	...	4% single point
Maize.	...	3% single point
Jowar or Milo, ragi, bajra, kodon, kutki, barley.	...	2% single point
Paddy and rice and wheat.	...	4% single point

Maharashtra :

	Sales Tax	Purchase Tax
Cereals, that is to say, paddy, rice, wheat jowar or milo, bajra, maize, ragi, kodon, kutki, barley.	4%	4%
Pulses, that is to say-gram or gulab gram, tur or arhar, moong or green gram, masur or lentil, urad or black gram, moth, lakh or khesari.	4%	4%

(d) No.

Both in Maharashtra and the rate Andhrapradesh of sales tax on foodgrains and pulses is 4% which is also the prevailing rate in Karnataka. Therefore it cannot be said that the growers take their produce to the markets of Maharashtra and Andhrapradesh because of the tax position in our State.

(c) No.

Villages Proposed to be included in Mysore City Corporation

626 SRI H. GANGADHARAN (Krishnaraj)—Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of villages which are proposed to be included in Mysore City Corporation ;

(b) the principles adopted for the inclusion of such villages in the corporation ?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(a) 23 Villages.

(b) 1. The villages are on the outskirts of the City.

2. The villagers are quite enthusiastic to come into city limits and the urbanisation of their villages.

3. Number of industries are coming up in the neighbouring villages and it is incumbent on the part of the Corporation to provide civic amenities as these areas are very near to the City.

4. The City Improvement Trust Board, Mysore has already formed layouts in these areas and such layouts should be brought within the Corporation limits.

K.S.R.T.C. Bus Stand at Konnur

1263 SRI B.R. PATIL (Naragund)—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state ;—

(a) whether the Government intend to take up the construction of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation Bus Stand at Konnur ;

(b) if so, when ;

(c) the place and amount allotted for construction of the Bus Stand ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(a) Government does not undertake construction of bus stands. Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation has no programme to construct a Bus Stand at Konnur in the immediate future.